



Re: Delaware County Age-Friendly Application

January 23, 2018

Barbara:

Doug forwarded this to us for our review. If it meets your approval, I will forward it to Bill Armbruster, Senior Advisor for Livable Communities.

I read it, and I do not see anything unusual. It is my recommendation to forward it.

There is nothing for you to sign; just need your approval to send it on.



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December 28, 2017

Ms. Barbara Sykes
State Director, AARP Ohio
17 S. High St. Ste. 800
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Ms. Sykes:

The Delaware County Commissioners are in support of Delaware County pursuing admission into the Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. Delaware County is committed to a collaborative effort to identify needs, promote policies, and foster partnerships in an effort to improve the livability for all residents throughout Delaware County. We have great confidence in SourcePoint, who in partnership with the Delaware General Health District, will lead the effort.

SourcePoint has demonstrated their commitment to providing high quality services and supports to Delaware County's older residents for 25 years. The Delaware General Health District has been the leader in making Delaware County the healthiest county in the state for several years. As the fastest growing county in the State of Ohio, it is no surprise that Delaware County's population ages 60 and over is also expected to grow by 153 percent, while the state is only expected to grow 47 percent during this same time frame. Due to this expected extreme population growth, it is vital for Delaware County to strive to assure our community is one where older adults can live healthy and successful lives.

In order to better serve our aging population, Delaware County has adopted a resolution supporting the Age-Friendly Project, and SourcePoint and the Delaware General Health District have committed to the following:

- Complete an assessment to review the gaps and needs of the aging population throughout the County.
- Create a stakeholder group to address each domain within the Age-Friendly Project
- Develop an action plan responding to the needs identified by the assessment process and stakeholder group.
- Commit to measuring activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and reporting on them publically.

We know that SourcePoint and the Delaware General Health District will work with your staff to achieve the best conditions for Delaware County's older population. We believe this project will result in valuable partnerships throughout the county and will improve the livability of Delaware County for residents of all ages.

Sincerely,


Jeff Benton, Commissioner


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Gary Merrell, Commissioner

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